

Thomas Jefferson from Pierre Charles L'Enfant, March 10, 1791, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

L'Enfant to Jefferson

Georgetown Mars the 10—1791

L'ENFANT. recd Mar. 24.

Sir

On the 17ult the change of the weather at last having permitted me to proceed to the Eastern branch I deed on the afternnon of that day set about the survey, but the variety of the weather has been such since as has much impeded my progress, I have only been able, to this day, to lay down of that part which lay between the eastern branch and the tiber so much as includ Jenkins Hill & all the water course from round carroll point up to the ferry landing leaving for a better time some swampy pass which were rendered absolutely impasable by the Eavy rain which overflowing all the low ground determined me to confine myself on the heigh land—I Expected to have before this day attempted to lay down somme part of those laying between the tyber and Rock creek had not a fall of snow and stormy wind which succeeded for these three day past prevented me—I hope to morrow will prove more favorable for me to proceed

laying down that part which you prescribe in the letter which I this moment receive from M' Ellicot who brought it himself to me & shall according to your direction join his endeavour to mine in running as much as possible of the wather course as may serve—connect the whole of our different surveys together—

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I have the Honor to be with great respect sir your most humble and most obedient servant

P. C. L'Enfant

THE HONble TH. JEFFERSON, *Secretary of State*.

[Pp. 150–1, U. S. v. SMITH.]